

LOCAL NEWS.

MEETING OF GERMANS.—A large meeting of the German residents of the city was held last night at Harmonie Hall, for the purpose of making arrangements for a public celebration of the ratification of the treaty of peace between Germany and France. Robert Portner was called to the Chair and William Metzger appointed Secretary. The committee appointed at a previous meeting to examine into the returns of the parties designated to make collections reported that they had completed the work assigned them, and had found the returns to be correct in all but one case, that \$250 had been remitted to the Central Committee in Berlin, and that \$64 remained on hand. It was then resolved that a subscription ball be given on the night of Thursday next, March 2nd, at Harmonie Hall, and that the proceeds thereof together with that now remaining in the hands of the Treasurer be sent to Berlin at once, and that the following be appointed a committee of arrangements: William Metzger, A. Dieder, M. Rubeu, George Bossart and H. Herbaer, who were instructed to extend invitations to those who had previously subscribed to the relief fund. A collection was taken up to pay for decorating and illuminating the hall on the night of the ball, and a committee consisting of L. Stein, S. Siechel and J. Schneider was appointed to superintend its expenditure. The meeting then adjourned.

ARREST OF DUCKERS.—A day or two since Captain Davison, of the Maryland police steamer, captured in the Potomac near Mount Vernon Benjamin Greenwood, Thomas Jones and Samuel Binnocks, and held them as prisoners until Justice Richard Bryant, of Charles county Maryland, came aboard and released them upon the payment of a fine of \$10 each for an infraction of the Maryland law which prohibits the use of sink boxes, decoys and large guns in the river for ducking purposes. Captain Davison has also made other captures, as will be seen by the following notice taken from the Washington Star of yesterday evening:

Last week an old hunter who lives in the Sixth Ward, and another from the Seventh Ward, were overtaken by one of the Revenue cutters of Maryland while in the vicinity of Marshall Hall landing and taken before a Magistrate near by who assessed them \$10 each, and informed them that it was the smallest amount prescribed by the laws, and that if caught again the maximum amount would be required of them. There are several other parties absent from their homes in the Seventh Ward on a ducking hunt, and as they have been absent beyond the usual time, it is thought by their friends that they have been detained in default of sufficient funds to pay their fines.

CHILDREN'S WORK.—The magic lantern exhibition last evening, at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday School room, was a very great success, and deserves special notice on account of the attending circumstances. The membership of the Village Chapel, Rev. Geo. W. Lightner, pastor, for whose benefit the exhibition was given, is very small, and the few who are faithful and willing to contribute found it difficult to discharge all their obligations, and as the Conference year was drawing to a close, they were looking, with some anxiety, at their depleted treasury, and very worthy, but unpaid minister. The Sunday School of the Chapel, prompted by the love they bore their pastor, volunteered to assume the payment of the deficiency, and for that purpose gave the exhibition alluded to. The proceeds are not definitely ascertained, but it is believed from the number of tickets taken at the door, and the well filled room, that sufficient has been obtained to defray all the expenses of the entertainment, and fully discharge the Chapel from debt for the year. Let the children of Alexandria bear this in view, that a real good will, will always provide a real good way.

FREIGHT RECEIPTS.—Among the articles of freight received here by the O. A. & M. R. R. during the week ending on Saturday last were the following: Corn, 6,660 bushels; wheat, 4,566; rye, 88; oats, 2,536; millfeed, 125; potatoes, 160; beans, 20; dried fruit, 106; onions, 45; flour, 884 bbls.; dressed poultry, 23 bbls.; dressed hogs, 104; apples, 37 bbls.; leather, 27 rolls; butter, 23 bbls.; eggs, 33 bbls.; lard, 16 bbls. and firkins; hides, 15 bundles; cabbage, 450; fowls, 2 coops, wool, 1 sack; tobacco, 21 boxes; fresh beef, 320 lbs.; bacon, 1,610 lbs.; cows and calves, 20; pig iron, 20,160 lbs.; maple sugar, 127 lbs.; game, 1 box; vinegar, 1 bbl.; lumber, 19,500 feet; walnut lumber, 800 feet; cedar posts, 14; wood, 44 cords; old iron, 1,900 lbs.; bones, 500 lbs.; seed, 28 bags and boxes; rags, 1,380 lbs.; 8 car loads of stone, 1 car load of horses, and 15 car loads of cattle.

During the same period there were received by the W. & O. R. R., of wheat, 920 bushels; corn, 1,613; oats, 524; feed, 76; potatoes, 32; flour, 43 bbls.; butter, 9; eggs, 28; poultry, 20; pork, 5,230 lbs.; 2 car loads of stock, 14 car loads of wood, 1 car load of spokes, and 1 car load of empty boxes.

FINES.—The following fines were imposed upon and paid by grand jurors of the present term of the Camden (N. J.) Court of Quarter Sessions: Being absent at roll call, \$1; smoking in the grand jury room, 25 cts.; putting feet on furniture, 25 cts.; sitting with hat on, 25 cts.; not rising when addressing the foreman, 25 cts.; leaving the room without permission of the foreman, 25 cts. The above fines were imposed upon quite a number of jurors, and the result was a sum of money was realized which was given to the Children's Home. Suppose these fines were levied upon and paid by the jurors at the various Court Houses in this State. What then?

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE of the M. E. Church which closed in this place yesterday, had a pleasant and harmonious session. Its members were hospitably entertained by many of our citizens of different denominations. We wish them all health and happiness upon their return to the locations where they are appointed to officiate. Rev. Mr. Hemmaway, appointed to the church in this place, is an excellent preacher, and will be welcomed by his congregation. Rev. Mr. Haynes, the preacher recently in charge here, secured the respect and esteem of our whole community, whilst he labored amongst us.

DEATH AT THE ALMS HOUSE.—A colored inmate of the Alms House, a woman named Louisa Stuart, died there last week. She was not an old resident of the city, but came here during the war.

THE PILOT LAWS.—The Washington Republican says: "As many of our citizens are concerned in our coasting trade it may interest them to know that an earnest effort is now being made in the New Jersey Legislature to effect an alteration in existing pilot laws, and if successful, the same efforts will be made in this section to effect a change of the laws governing pilots on the Chesapeake and its tributary waters. The bill before the New Jersey Legislature proposes to do away with compulsory pilotage and declares every competent captain to be a pilot as far as his own vessel is concerned."

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire about four o'clock this morning was caused by the partial burning of a piece of a wooden brace of the oven in the bakery of Mr. Henry Brengle's confectionary store. The fire was discovered by a colored man named Pete, who slept in the rear of the carriage manufactory of Mr. Robert Prettyman. The fire department was soon on the ground but did not go into operation as the flames were readily extinguished with a bucketful of water. No loss was sustained.

CITY COUNCIL.—The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will be held to-night, when it is understood, the committee to whom were referred the application of the A. & F. R. R. for a right of way through the city, the Mayor's veto of the bill for the collection of licenses, and the application for lighting Fish-town, will make their reports.

DIM LIGHT.—In consequence of the discovery of a new break in the gas main at the intersection of King and Pitt streets this morning, the flow of gas had to be shut off at the gas works, and it is probably therefore that the lamps will burn dimly for a short time after they are first lighted to-night.

WASHINGTON AND RICHMOND RAILROAD. Shanties for the accommodation of one hundred and fifty laborers have been erected about five miles southwest of the city, on the route of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, by the contractors on this end of the line, and an additional gang was set to work there to-day.

TRIAL OF STEAM FIRE ENGINES.—The steam fire engines were tested at the foot of Cameron street this evening, and were found to be in excellent condition. Engineer Young always keeps his machines in good working order.

PERSONAL.—Among the ladies who participated in a surprise masquerade party at Gen. Munger's, in Washington last night, Miss Lena S. of Alexandria is mentioned in the Washington papers.

MEETING.—A general meeting of the stockholders of the German Co-operative Building Association will be held to-morrow night, at their hall, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

"THE HOME AND OFFICE," a paper to be published weekly, in this place, has been issued, is neatly printed, and makes a handsome appearance.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have on file for insertion several communications, including poetical articles, which we will publish as soon as we can secure space for them.

BADLY SCALDED.—A little girl of police officer Jones' was badly scalded a day or two since by hot coffee, the pot containing which she accidentally turned over.

DR. MUNSEY'S LECTURE.—Dr. Munsey will deliver his lecture upon the Ideal at the Assembly Rooms to-night.

TELEGRAPHIC.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Senate had under consideration the House bill to prevent cruelty to animals transported on railroads. The bill was opposed by Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Scott, and favored by a number of Senators, headed by Mr. Conklin.

The House of Representatives debated sundry items of the civil appropriation bill, and it was then passed under the operation of the previous question.

FOREIGN NEWS.

MUNICH, Feb. 27.—The King of Bavaria has received a telegram from the Emperor William announcing the signing of the preliminary conditions of peace.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the Left last night Louis Blanc said the union of the sections of Left would produce an excellent effect, but this meeting was untimely because it was held to protest against the conditions yet unknown. Gambetta recommended that the meeting suspend its protest until the conditions were officially announced to the Assembly. Then all should adopt the same line of action; but no formal engagement for united action should now be entered into.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Journal des Debats says during the three years allowed for the payment of the indemnity 50,000 Prussian troops will occupy Champagne, exercising the right of requisition, and living at the expense of the French Government. If the payment is completed before the time expires, Champagne will be immediately evacuated.

It is understood that during the occupation of the city unarmed detachments of the enemy will be permitted to visit the public edifices in all parts of the city, but an army corps of 30,000 men will not leave Faubourg Honore.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Foreign office to-night makes public the correspondence between the Government of the United States and Great Britain preliminary to the appointment of the Joint High Commission. It is identical with that already sent to the American Congress by President Grant.

The Times' special correspondent at Versailles telegraphs that the armistice has been prolonged to the 12th of March. The convention stipulates for the occupation of Paris by 30,000 men between Paris and Faubourg Honore, and from Place de la Concorde to Avenue des Terres. No requisition will be made by the troops who will be quartered in the public buildings. If the armistice is to be broken off three days' notice will be required.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Excitement is intense in

some parts of the city. It is said the national guards want to point their artillery at the champs Elysees.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.—The Etoile Belge says the call to arms was sounded in Paris on Sunday night. A body of the National and regulars went to the avenue des Terres to oppose the entry of the Prussians. Should the latter insist on entering the city painful scenes are expected.

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 27.—Notice has been given of an interpellation concerning the recent action of the government of the Grand Duchy.

PARIS, Feb. 27, via London 28.—An official notice signed by M. Picard confirms the signature of the preliminaries of peace and announces that the armistice has been prolonged four days. Contributions and requisitions are to cease. The entrance of the Germans into Paris is the price paid to save Belfort.

Ponyer Quetier has been appointed Minister of Finance.

It is said Aurelles de Palladines is named as commander of the National Guard of the Seine.

The Germans will enter Paris Wednesday, and will evacuate the city immediately upon the ratification of peace.

The Consultative Committee goes to Bordeaux Tuesday and the debate upon the question of the ratification of the treaty of peace will commence immediately. The Parisian army will occupy the left bank of the Seine. No French in uniform will be allowed to enter the German portions of the city, which will be surrounded by barricades.

There was much patriotic agitation Sunday night in consequence of the immediate entry of the Germans and the guard erected ramparts in the Champs Elysees to repel the enemy. There was, however, no disturbance.

At midnight Sunday night quiet was restored, but Monday morning the city was again agitated. Crowds surrounded the notice signed by M. Picard, and which was placarded in various parts of the city, appealing for preservation, order and dignity. A crowd also invaded the prison of St. Pelagie and freed two commandants of the guard.

All the papers, even the Ultra (Radical) recommend non-resistance to the entry of the Germans. All the papers will obtain from publication during the occupation.

It is believed no conflict will occur.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Patrie says the question of the entry of the German army into Paris occupied the negotiators ten times longer than those of territorial cession and indemnity.

Many citizens have purchased a week's provisions to avoid appearing in the streets during the German occupation.

The policeman drowned in the Seine by an enraged crowd proves to have been an employee under the Napoleonic Prefect Pietrie, and to have been murdered in consequence of his acts in that capacity.

The Parisians believe that the Germans enter the city with the intention to provoke a conflict which will give color to more exactions.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Mediation has been offered and accepted in the Spanish-Egyptian difficulty, and a peaceable solution is anticipated.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The evening edition of the Times contains a special dispatch from Versailles to-day giving the following additional particulars of peace signed on Sunday.

The fortified cities of Lunenburg, Nancy and Belfort are left to France, Longwy, Thionville, Metz, Saarbrück and the Iron district go to Germany.

The Times special also says Rothschild promises to pay the entire indemnity to Germany within a year, by which the German army of occupation will be gotten rid of at the end of that time.

Prince Frederick Charles is to be governor of Champagne, with headquarters at Rheims.

The Emperor William will merely pass through Paris and his new possessions en route to Berlin.

Telegraphic Summary.

Overton Flipper committed suicide in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday last, by taking morphine.

Chas. C. Garrett died last night, in St. Johns N. B., through the unskillful use of remedies for the tooth-ache.

Sir John A. MacDonald has arrived at New York.

Capt. Arthur of the British ship, Mary Bangs, has been convicted in New York for resisting the Custom House officers.

The Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—1.30 p. m.—Consols 94½ for both. American securities quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 28.—11.30 a. m.—Cotton dull and tending downward. Breadstuffs firm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Stocks steady. Gold 111. Money easy at 34. Virginia slaves, ex-compan, 93½; do. new 61½. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and nominally unchanged. Corn quiet and steady.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 28.—Virginia slaves, old, 52 bid, 52½ asked; do. 1869-70 bid; do. 1867-68 bid. Cotton dull. Flour quiet, but firm. Wheat firm. Corn, demand; choice white 2000210; fair to prime 1604190; prime to choice red 1904210; fair to good 1554175; common 1404150; Ohio and Indiana 1604170; Pennsylvania 1554160. White Southern Corn weak at 54½; yellow do. steady at 79480. Oats higher at 50490. Rye firm at 964105. Provisions unchanged.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Frank Washington, for disorderly conduct at a colored ball, arrested on complaint of Edward Douglas, both colored, was fined and discharged.

Henry Staunton and Isaac Lomax, colored, arrested on complaint of Edward Douglas, also colored, for disorderly conduct at a colored ball, were dismissed and costs assessed against complainant.

Scott Butler, on complaint of Ann Shepherd, both colored, for threatening and abusive language, was fined and discharged.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—A woman named Mattie Frie, on complaint of Mrs. Capt. John Moore, for stealing pillow-cases, was committed to jail, but afterwards bailed for a further examination.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear, bright and cool, with the wind from the Northwest. There were several colored balls in the western end of the city, at some of which disturbances occurred. Six lodgers, four black and two white, laborers seeking work on the Washington and Richmond Railroad, were accommodated at the station house.

ATTENTION, SIX FIRE CO.—The members of the Six Fire Company are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Company to be held on Tuesday evening, February 28th. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.

By order of the President, Feb 28-24
SPELTER BARTIN and ZINC for sale by CARLIN & SONS, 63 King-street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BURNING AND SHAKING.—By a ridiculous misapprehension of language, invalids are sometimes said to "enjoy very poor health," but it is not on record that any human being was ever so poor as to enjoy such a state of health. And yet there are thousands at this moment, in one or the other of the two stages of the disorder, who might just as well have avoided it as not. If there is anything demonstrable in therapeutics, it is that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is an infallible remedy for this class of ailments, and is cited in which it has been taken, either as a safeguard against this class of diseases or as a remedy for them, and failed to produce the desired effect. The season when malarious fevers are rife, has commenced, and no inhabitant of any district subject to their visitations should be without this great preventive and remedy. Indeed, it is a most potent protection against all the ailments which prevail in the spring months. From malarial and malarious fevers, and the various diseases which give birth to fever, indigestion, biliousness, colic and a whole host of epidemic and other maladies. Aid the system to resist them. Energize and regulate all the animal functions with this reinforcing agent.

This potent and reliable remedy is now rising in popularity, for malarious fevers are now almost as common in the great centres of population as on the borders of the southern bays and marshes and the rich agricultural regions of the west. The preventive and remedy is accessible to all, who will be untiring enough to brave recklessly the danger it would avert. [Feb 27-24]

COMMUNION WINE.—We have been shown specimens of sacramental or pure juice wine, prepared by Mr. Alfred Speer, of Paeisic, N. J., out of the Port Grape, which he cultivates in this country. In taste it assimilates to port, without its heating qualities, being absolutely free from spirits further than its own fermentation affords. Preference is given to it over all other wine in New York, and other hospitable tonic, gentle stimulant, diuretic and sudorific. Mr. Speer has been nine years experimenting in the production of this wine, and the newest wine he sells is four years old, of which our druggists have got in a supply. Feb 27-1w

TONICS.—Those who resort to tonics will find Speer's "Standard Wine Bitters" the best adapted to benefit the different ailments of the system whether diseased or debilitated from over exertion or by any other cause. Try them. Sold by Druggists. Feb 20-1w

MEDICAL.—Essays for Young Men, on great SOCIAL EVILS and ABUSES, which interfere with MARRIAGE—with sure means of relief for the Erring and Unfortunate, diseased and debilitated. Sent free of charge, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION, No. 2 S. Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Philadelphia, Feb 13-3m

BATCHLOR'S HAIR DYE.—This superb Hair Dye is the best in the World—Perfectly Harmless, Reliable and Instantaneous. No discoloring. No Ridiculous Pins, or Unpleasant Odor. The genuine W. A. Batchlor's Hair Dye produces IMMEDIATELY a splendid Black or Natural Brown. Does not stain the Skin, but leaves the Hair Clean, Soft and Beautiful. The Only Safe and Perfect Dye. Sold by all Druggists. Factors, 16 Bond St., New York. New York, Jan 20-60ly

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AUCTION SALES.

FISH WHARF FOR RENT.

The property known as the Corporation Fish Wharf will be rented, by public auction, in front of the Mayor's office, on SATURDAY, March 4th, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., for cash, in current funds. This property will be rented as it now stands, including the wharf of W. A. Smoot, which has been considerably extended and used in conjunction with the Fish Wharf for several years. The renter will be required to furnish material and lay platforms sufficient to accommodate the trade. No privilege for the sale of liquors will be granted inconsistent with the laws of the city on that subject. All pass-ways must be kept open and free from obstructions. The renter will be required to keep the wharf clear of houses, shanties, &c., east and west from the building line on Union street, and south of the line of Atwell's ice house, and 10 feet east of the platform of said ice house, and forty feet west of the river; nor does he have control over that portion of the property now under lease. All articles landed on the wharf for the use of the city to be free from wharfage. B. F. PRICE, Feb 23-2d Ch'n. Com. Public Property.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE NEAR ALEXANDRIA.—In execution of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax, rendered at the June term, 1870, in the suit of Collard and wife vs. Millan, the undersigned will expose for sale, upon the future of the Court House, on MONDAY, the 17th day of April, 1871, Court day, that beautiful F